Hirakud Dam modernisation scheme

3491. SHRI BASUDEB MOHAPATRA: Will the Minister of WATER RESOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether a scheme for the modernisation of Hirakud Dam was received from Orissa Government for clearance at the Central level;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof; and

(c) what is the funding pattern of the scheme?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF WATER RESOURCES (SHRIMATI KRISHNA SAHI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The project envisages improvement of existing distribution system at an estimated cost of Rs. 32.60 crores.

(c) Orissa have not included the project in the VII Plan.

Discontentment in the Indian Economic Service

3492. SHRI PARVATHANENI UPENDRA: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a serious discontentment in the Indian Economic Service due to lack of promotional avenues for the officers in the Service;

(b) whether the officers have suggested a separate Centralised cadre authority; and

(c) if so, what is Government's decision in the matter?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI EDUARDO FALEIRO): (a) The Service Rules relating to the Indian Economic Service provide for all vacancies arising within the Service (from Grade III upwards) being filled only by promotion. It is, therefore, not correct to say that there is lack of promotion avenues for officers.

(b) and (c) There is already a Centralised Cadre Authority for the Indian Economic Service.

Grant of exemption on custom and excise duties on import of pollution control equipment

3493. SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of FINANCE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that the Ministry of Environment and Forests has recommended the Ministry of Finance that incentives like 100 percent depreciation allowance as also custom and excise duties exemption which had already been given to energy conservation equipment should also be extended to those equipments used for pollution control; and

(b) if so, to what extent the Ministry's proposal has been considered by the Finance Ministry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE IN THE MINISTRY OF FINANCE (SHRI AJIT PANJA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) In the Budget for 1989-90, concessional customs duty of 40 per cent ad valorem has been extended to 25 specified equipments when imported for use in environmtntal pollution control as also for the purpose of safety in chemical industry.

Under the existing provisions of the Income-tax Act, a depreciation of 50 per cent is allowed to the pollution control equipments. Besides this, an investment allowance of 20 per cent is also available. By these concessions, almost the whole cost of the pollution control equipments is recouped in a period of two years.

Suicides in Delhi

3494. DR. MOHD. HASHIM KIDWAI: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) the number of suicide cases registered in Delhi from October, 1988 till January, 31, 1989;